

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of backing up vehicular data in a vehicular system that includes an engine electronic control unit for controlling an engine and a plurality of at least one electronic units including a data storing function, with the vehicular system being configured such that data can be transmitted and received between the engine electronic control unit and the electronic ~~unit~~ units via a vehicular communication network, the method comprising:

recognizing with a flag, in the engine electronic control unit, a first time the engine electronic control unit is installed;

storing wherein the most recent content of accumulated data including an engine running time data and a running history data stored in the engine electronic control unit and is stored as backup data in the electronic units via the vehicular communication network at an appropriate time; timing; and

transferring, when the engine electronic control unit is replaced, the backup data is transferred via the vehicular communication network to a replaced an engine electronic control unit after replacement from any of the electronic units with reference to the flag provided in the replaced engine electronic unit; and

initializing the replaced engine electronic unit with the backup data transferred via the vehicular communication network.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The vehicular data backup method of claim 12, wherein further comprising demanding a transferring of the backup data from any of the electronic units when the engine electronic control unit has been replaced; and

when it has been determined that the backup data which has been transferred from any of the electronic control units when the engine electronic control unit has been replaced cannot be used, initializing the engine electronic control unit is initialized with default data.

4. (Currently Amended) The vehicular data backup method of claim 3, wherein the default data is stored ~~in advance~~ in a memory in the engine electronic control unit.

5. (Previously Presented) The vehicular data backup method of claim 1, wherein a non-volatile memory is disposed in the electronic unit, and the backup data is stored in the non-volatile memory.

6-8. (Cancelled)